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IMPROPER IMMERSIONS IN A LORENTZIAN MANIFOLD ADMITTING
A SASAKIAN STRUCTURE

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INTRODUCTION

Odd dimensional Lorentzian manifolds which admit a Sasakian structure have been defined in [1].

Let $\tilde{M}(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$ be such a manifold, whose dimension is $2m + 1$. The structure tensors $(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$ are: the Sasakian tensor field ϕ ($\phi^2 = -1$); the canonical contact 1-form $\tilde{\eta}$, the canonical vector field ξ , and the metric tensor \tilde{g} of the manifold \tilde{M} .

Let then $x: M_c \rightarrow \tilde{M}$ be the improper immersion of a co-isotropic hypersurface [2], [3] in \tilde{M} , and U_c the characteristic vector field [2] of M_c . If $\tilde{\nabla}$ is the covariant differentiation operator (with respect to the Levi-Civita connection in \tilde{M}), we say that U_c is null ϕ -concircular if $\tilde{\nabla}U_c$ is coplaner with U_c and ϕU_c , tensored with two suitable 1-forms.

In this case, the following properties are proved:

- (i) M_c is almost minimal (in the sense defined by the author [4]), and is a generic submanifold [5] of \tilde{M} ;
- (ii) M_c is foliated by hypersurfaces that are orthogonal to ϕU_c ;
- (iii) ϕU_c is a geodesic direction and defines an infinitesimal homothety on M_c ;
- (iv) the Ricci curvature of U_c and ϕU_c are expressed by $2(m-1)$ and $-2(m-1)$, respectively.

Next, one considers the improper immersion of the mixed-isotropic 2-codimensional submanifold M_u of \tilde{M} .

The following properties can be stated:

- (i) any normal section on M_u is quasi-umbilical;
- (ii) the restrictions $U = U_c/M_u$, and $\eta = \tilde{\eta}/M_u$ define on M_u a null-contact structure, and U is an infinitesimal automorphism for all globally

defined $(2p+1)$ -forms $\Theta_p = 4L^p\eta$ ($L^p\eta = \eta \wedge (\frac{d\eta}{2})^p$);

(iii) M_u is a proper [6] CR submanifold of M , which is *mixed totally geodesic*, and if D denotes the horizontal distribution, then U is *D-trans-formed by parallelism*.

1. PRELIMINARIES

Let (\tilde{M}, \tilde{g}) be a $(2m+1)$ -dimensional Lorentzian manifold, whose metric tensor \tilde{g} is of normal hyperbolic type (i.e., \tilde{g} is of index 1, [2]).

Suppose \tilde{M} is endowed with a constant structure defined by a canonical 1-form $\tilde{\eta}$, and a canonical vector field ξ . Furthermore, if \tilde{M} is equipped with a tensor field ϕ ($\phi^2 = -1$) of type $(1,1)$, and $\tilde{\nabla}$ is the covariant differentiation operator, then if for any vector fields \tilde{Z}, \tilde{Z}' of \tilde{M} one has

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} \phi^2\tilde{Z} = -\tilde{Z} + \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{Z})\xi, & \phi\xi = 0, & \tilde{\eta}(\phi\tilde{Z}) = 0, \\ d\tilde{\eta}(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{Z}') = 2\tilde{g}(\phi\tilde{Z}, \tilde{Z}'), & \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{Z}}\xi = -\phi\tilde{Z}, \end{cases}$$

we have called [1] $\tilde{M}(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$ a Lorentzian manifold admitting a Sasakian structure.

Let $O(\tilde{M})$ be the bundle of orthonormal frames on \tilde{M} , and $O = \{e_A$; $A = 1, 2, \dots, 2m+1\}$ an element of $O(\tilde{M})$. The vector basis of O is defined by a space $\{e_\alpha$; $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, 2m\}$ and a time-like vector field $e_{2m+1} = \xi$, which satisfy

$$(1.2) \quad \tilde{g}(e_A, e_B) = \epsilon_A \delta_{AB}; \quad \epsilon_\alpha = -1, \quad \epsilon_{2m+1} = 1.$$

Let $\{\tilde{\omega}^A\}$ be the dual basis of O , and $d\tilde{p}$ and $\tilde{\omega}_B^A = \gamma_{BC} \tilde{\omega}^C$ the *line element* (i.e., the canonical vector 1-form on \tilde{M}) and the *connection forms* corresponding to $\{\tilde{\omega}^A\}$ respectively.

Setting $a = 1, 2, \dots, m$, $a^* = a + m$, and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma = 1, 2, \dots, 2m$, the line element $d\tilde{p}$ of $\tilde{M}(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$ is

$$(1.3) \quad d\tilde{p} = -\tilde{\omega}^\alpha \otimes e_\alpha + \tilde{\eta} \otimes \xi,$$

and by (1.1) the connection equations are

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{cases} \tilde{\nabla} e = \tilde{\omega}_a^\beta \otimes e_\beta - \tilde{\omega}^{a*} \otimes \xi, \\ \tilde{\nabla} e_{a*} = \tilde{\omega}_{a*}^\beta \otimes e_\beta + \tilde{\omega}^a \otimes \xi, \\ \tilde{\nabla} \xi = \tilde{\omega}^a \otimes e_{a*} - \tilde{\omega}^{a*} \otimes e_a = -\phi d\tilde{p}. \end{cases}$$

Since $e_{a*} = \phi e_a$, one obtains from (1.4)

$$(1.5) \quad \tilde{\omega}_b^a = \tilde{\omega}_{b*}^{a*}, \quad \tilde{\omega}_b^{a*} = \tilde{\omega}_a^{b*}.$$

Next, the structure equations (E. Cartan) are

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{cases} d\tilde{\omega}^a = \tilde{\omega}^\beta \wedge \tilde{\omega}_\beta^a + \tilde{\eta} \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{a*}, \\ d\tilde{\omega}^{a*} = \tilde{\omega}^\beta \wedge \tilde{\omega}_\beta^{a*} - \tilde{\eta} \wedge \tilde{\omega}^a, \\ d\tilde{\eta} = 2 \sum \tilde{\omega}^a \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{a*}, \end{cases}$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{cases} d\tilde{\omega}_\alpha^\beta = \tilde{\Omega}_\alpha^\beta + \tilde{\omega}_\alpha^\gamma \wedge \tilde{\omega}_\gamma^\beta - \tilde{\omega}_\alpha^{2m+1} \wedge \tilde{\omega}_{2m+1}^\beta, \\ d\tilde{\omega}_\alpha^{2m+1} = \tilde{\Omega}_\alpha^{2m+1} + \tilde{\omega}_\alpha^\beta \wedge \tilde{\omega}_\beta^{2m+1}, \end{cases}$$

where $\tilde{\Omega}_B^A$ are the curvature forms, and

$$(1.8) \quad \tilde{\omega}_a^{2m+1} = -\tilde{\omega}^{a*}, \quad \tilde{\omega}_{a*}^{2m+1} = \tilde{\omega}^a.$$

2. CO-ISOTROPIC HYPERSURFACE OF $\tilde{M}(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$

Let $x: M_c \rightarrow \tilde{M}(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$ be the improper immersion of a co-isotropic [2] hypersurface M_c in \tilde{M} , and let U_c be the characteristic vector field (2) of M_c (U_c is simultaneously normal and tangent to M_c). Referring to [6], we say that U_c is null ϕ -concircular, if it satisfies

$$(2.1) \quad \tilde{\nabla} U_c = w \otimes U_c + w' \otimes \phi U_c; \quad w, w' \in \Lambda^1(\tilde{M}).$$

Without loss of generality, one may suppose that M_c is defined by

$$(2.3) \quad \omega^{2m} = \eta,$$

(The elements induced by x are denoted by letters after suppressing \sim). Then by (1.3) and (1.2) one obtains

$$U_c = \xi - e_{2m} \Rightarrow g(U_c, U_c) = 0,$$

while (1.1) leads to

$$(2.4) \quad \phi U_c = e_m.$$

If j is the canonical isomorphism defined by the metric g of M_c , we set

$$(2.5) \quad j(\phi U_c) = u \in \Lambda^1(M_c).$$

So, by (1.3), (2.2), (2.4) and (2.5), the line element dp of M_c is expressed by

$$(2.6) \quad dp = -\omega^i \otimes e_i - \omega^{i^*} \otimes e_{i^*} - u \otimes \phi U_c + \eta \otimes U_c,$$

where we have set $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$; $i^* = i + m$. Taking account of (1.2) one derives from (2.6)

$$g = \langle dp, dp \rangle = - \sum (\omega^i)^2 - \sum (\omega^{i^*})^2 - (u)^2,$$

which shows as known [2] that the metric g is space-like and is of *defect* 1 [2].

If $T_p(M_c)$ and $T_p(M_c)^\perp$ are the tangent space and the normal space of M_c at $p \in M_c$, one easily checks by (2.6) that $U_c \in T_p(M_c) \cap T_p(M_c)^\perp$, that is, U_c is the *characteristic vector field* of M_c .

Since $\{U_c\} = T_p(M_c)^\perp$, and $\phi U_c \in T_p(M_c)^\perp$, reference to the definition given in [8] proves that any co-isotropic hypersurface M_c of $\tilde{M}(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$ is a *generic submanifold* (it is known that this property is valid for all proper hypersurfaces of a Sasakian manifold). Since, in the case under discussion, U_c satisfies (2.1), we derive by taking exterior differential of (2.2) and referring to (1.5):

$$(2.8) \quad \omega_i^{2m} = \omega^{i*}, \quad \omega_i^{2m} = -\omega^i, \quad \omega_m^{2m} + \eta = 0.$$

Therefore, by (2.2), (2.4), (1.4), and (2.7) we get:

$$(2.9) \quad \nabla \xi = \omega^i \otimes e_{i*} - \omega^{i*} \otimes e_i + u \otimes \phi^2 U_c - \eta \otimes \phi U_c,$$

and

$$(2.10) \quad \tilde{\nabla} U_c = -u \otimes U_c - 2\eta \otimes \phi U_c,$$

(that is, $\omega = u$, $\omega' = 2\eta$).

Next, with the help of (1.4) and (1.5) we obtain from (2.4)

$$(2.11) \quad \nabla \phi U_c = -dp - u \otimes U_c - 2\eta \otimes \phi^2 U_c,$$

and we quickly find

$$(2.12) \quad \nabla \phi U_c = 0$$

Hence, ϕU_c is a *geodesic direction* and one easily checks by means of (2.7)

$$(2.13) \quad du = 0.$$

So, the above equation and (2.5) prove that M_e is foliated by hypersurfaces M_u , orthogonal to ϕU_c . Further, denote by σ the canonical volume element of M_c . Then one has

$$(2.14) \quad \sigma = \eta \wedge \sigma_u.$$

where

$$(2.15) \quad \sigma_u = \omega^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^{m-1} \wedge \omega^{1*} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^{m*-1} \wedge u.$$

If $\mathcal{L} = d \circ i + i \circ d$ means the Lie derivative, one has as known

$\mathcal{L}_{U_c} \sigma = (\text{div } U_c) \sigma$. Referring to (2.14), (2.15), (2.3) and (2.13), one finds after a direct computation

$$(2.16) \quad \mathcal{L}_{U_c} \sigma \equiv d\sigma_u = 0 \Rightarrow \text{div } U_c = 0.$$

But U_c being the characteristic vector of M_c , it follows from (2.16), and from the definition given in [4], that M_c is an *almost minimal hypersurface*. This property is in accordance with concept of \tilde{M} -vector field [7] of a proper hypersurface M of \tilde{M} .

Next, by (2.14), (2.1) and (1.5) one quickly gets

$$(2.17) \quad \mathcal{L}_{\phi U_c} \sigma = 2(m-1)\sigma \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \phi U_c = 2(m-1),$$

that is ϕU_c defines an *infinitesimal homothety* on M_c . Now being given a Riemannian or Pseudo-Riemannian manifold (M, g) and an orthonormal frame $\{e_A\}$ of M , one has the integral formula (K. Yano [8]).

$$(2.18) \quad \operatorname{div} (\nabla_Z Z) - \operatorname{div} (\operatorname{div} Z)Z + (\operatorname{div} Z)^2 \\ = \operatorname{Ric}(Z) + \sum_{A,B} g(\nabla_{e_A} Z, e_B)g(e_A, \nabla_{e_B} Z).$$

In (2.18), Ric means the Ricci tensor field and Z is any vector field of M_c . But in the case under discussion one gets from (2.10)

$$(2.19) \quad \nabla_{U_c} U_c = -2\phi U_c$$

and by (2.12), (2.16), (2.17) and in view of (2.18) we obtain:

$$(2.20) \quad \begin{cases} \operatorname{Ric}(U_c) = 2(m-1), \\ \operatorname{Ric}(\phi U_c) = -2(m-1). \end{cases}$$

Finally, since U_c is also normal to M_c , the second quadratic fundamental form of M_c is [2] $II = -\langle dp, \tilde{\nabla} U_c \rangle$. One readily finds by (2.1) and (2.5) $II = 2\eta \otimes u$.

Therefore, one has $II(U_c, U_c) = 0$ and $II(\phi U_c, \phi U_c) = 0$, and this proves that U_c and ϕU_c are both *asymptotic* directions of M_c .

Theorem. Let $x: M_c \rightarrow \tilde{M}(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$ be the improper immersion of a co-isotropic hypersurface M_c in a $(2m+1)$ -dimensional manifold \tilde{M} , admitting a Sasakian structure $(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$. Then M_c is always a geodesic submanifold of \tilde{M} . If the characteristic vector U_c of M_c is null ϕ -conircular, then one has the following properties:

- (i) M_c is almost minimal, and is foliated by hypersurfaces M_u orthogonal to ϕU_c ;
- (ii) ϕU_c is a geodesic direction and defines an infinitesimal homothety on M_c ;
- (iii) the Ricci curvatures of U_c and ϕU_c are expressed by $2(m-1)$ and $-2(m-1)$ respectively;
- (iv) both U_c and ϕU_c are asymptotic directions on M_c .

3. MIXED ISOTROPIC CR SUBMANIFOLDS OF M

It has been shown in section 2 that M_c is foliated by hypersurfaces M_u orthogonal to ϕU_c . Consider now the improper immersion $x_u: M_u \rightarrow \tilde{M}(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$, where M_u is a codimension 2-submanifold of \tilde{M} , defined by

$$(3.1) \quad u = 0, \quad \omega^{2m} = \eta.$$

Referring to (2.5), the line element dp of M_u is expressed by

$$(3.2) \quad dp = -\omega^i \otimes e_i - \omega^{i*} \otimes e_{i*} + \eta \otimes U$$

(We denote the elements induced by x_u , by the same letters as the elements induced by x .) Since $\langle dp, \tilde{U} \rangle = 0$ ($U = U_c/M_u$), it follows by (3.2) that the tangent space $T_p(M_u)$ and the normal space $T_p(M_u)^\perp$, at each point $p \in M_u$, are defined by $\{e_i, e_{i*}, U\}$ and $\{\phi U, U\}$ respectively.

Obviously, one has $T_p(M_u) \cap T_p(M_u)^\perp \neq 0$. But $T_p(M_u)$ (resp. $T_p(M_u)^\perp$) is not isotropic (resp. co-isotropic), nor self-orthogonal [9], that is, $T_p(M_u) \neq T_p(M)^\perp$.

Therefore, we agree to call M_u a *mixed isotropic* submanifold. We shall also call U and ϕU the *characteristic normal* section and the *proper normal* section, respectively. Next, denote $\ell_U = -\langle dp, \tilde{V}U \rangle$, and $\ell_{\phi U} = \langle dp, \tilde{V}\phi U \rangle$

the second fundamental quadratic forms associated with the improper immersion x_U . By (3.2), (2.9) and (2.10) one readily finds

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{cases} l_U = 0 \\ l_{\phi U} = \langle dp, dp \rangle = g. \end{cases}$$

From the above equations it follows that U and ϕU are a *geodesic section*, and an *umbilical section* of M_U , respectively.

Since $\langle U, U \rangle = 0$, any normal section N is expressed by $N = \lambda U + \epsilon \phi U$, where $\lambda \in C^\infty(M)$, and $\epsilon = \pm 1$. Without loss of generality, one may take $\epsilon = +1$. Then, by (2.9), (2.10) and (3.1), one gets:

$$(3.4) \quad \tilde{\nabla} N = dp - 2\eta \otimes \phi^2 U + (d\lambda + 2\lambda^2 \eta) \otimes U - 2\lambda \eta \otimes N,$$

and since $\langle U, \phi^2 U \rangle = 1$, one obtains

$$(3.5) \quad l_N = - \langle dp, \tilde{\nabla} N \rangle = g + 2\eta \otimes \eta.$$

According to the known definition, it follows that any normal section N of M_U is *quasi-umbilical*. By (2.4), we agree to call the curvature 2-forms $\Omega_i^m, \Omega_{i^*}^m$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1; i^* = i + m$) the proper *mixed curvature* 2-forms (abr. p.m.c.) of M_U . Making use of (1.7), one finds by (2.1), (2.6) and (3.1):

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{cases} \Omega_i^m = 2\eta \wedge \omega^{i^*}, \\ \Omega_{i^*}^m = 2\eta \wedge \omega^i. \end{cases}$$

Hence, all (p. m. c.) - 2-forms are conformed to the restriction $\eta = \tilde{\eta}/M_U$ of the contact form $\tilde{\eta}$. If we set

$$(3.7) \quad \Omega = \frac{1}{2} d\eta = \sum \omega^i \wedge \omega^{i^*},$$

then one quickly gets from (3.6)

$$\Theta_1 = \sum (\Omega_{i^*}^m \wedge \omega^{i^*} - \Omega_i^m \wedge \omega^i) = 4\eta \wedge \Omega.$$

If L is the operator of type (1.1), defined by $L^1 \alpha = \alpha \wedge \Omega$ for any p -form α , and $L^p \alpha = \alpha \wedge \Omega^p$, then one may write $\theta_1 = 4L^1 \eta$. Since $i_U \theta_1 = 4\Omega$, we easily deduce by (3.7)

$$(3.9) \quad \mathcal{L}_U \theta_1 = 0,$$

and in the same manner, $\mathcal{L}_U \theta_p = 0$, where $\theta_p = 4L^p \eta$. Hence, the characteristic vector field U of M_U is an *infinitesimal automorphism* of all forms θ_p . We shall make now the following considerations.

Equations (2.3) and (3.7) allow to write

$$(3.10) \quad (d\eta)^{m-1} \wedge \eta \neq 0, \quad \eta(U) = 1,$$

and since M_U is of odd dimension, the above equations define a *contact structure* $s_U = (\eta, U)$ whose structure vector field U is null. We agree to call s_U a *null contact structure*. It is worthwhile to remark that we have already defined in [3] a contact structure of the same type. Consider now the following two complementary distributions $D_p = \{e_i, e_{i*}\} \subset T_p(M_U)$ and $D_p^\perp = \{U\} \subset T_p(M_U)$. Clearly, by (1.1) and (2.3), one has $\phi D_p \subset T_p(M_U)$ and $\phi D_p^\perp \subset T_p(M_U)^\perp$. Hence, according to the definitions given in [8], [10], we see that M_U is a CR-submanifold of \tilde{M} , and D and D^\perp are the *horizontal* and *vertical* distributions of M_U , respectively. For any vector field X , tangent to M_U , one sets [8]

$$(3.11) \quad \phi X = Px + Fx,$$

where Px and Fx are the tangential and normal components of ϕX , respectively (P is an endomorphism of TM_U and F is a normal-bundle-valued 1-form in TM_U [8]).

If τ is the component of U in the expression of X , one easily finds $PX \in D_p \subset T_p(M_U)$, and $FX = \tau \phi U \in T_p(M_U)^\perp$.

Since $Px \neq 0$, $Fx \neq 0$, then according to [11] one may say that M_U is a *proper* CR submanifold. If ∇^\perp is the connection in the normal bundle $T^\perp M_U$ then for any vector field N of $T^\perp M_U$ one has the Weingarten formula

$$(3.12) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N,$$

where X is any tangent vector field of M_u .

In the case under discussion, one may set $N = aU + b\phi U$ ($a, b \in C^\infty(M_u)$). Then, if X is any tangent vector of D , one finds by (2.9), (2.10) and (3.1) $A_N X = bX \in D$, and this condition proves that M_u is *mixed totally geodesic* [11].

Finally, one quickly gets from (2.9) and (3.1), $\nabla_X U = 0$, $\forall X \in D$. Hence, one may say that U is D -transformed by *parallelism*.

Theorem. The co-isotropic hypersurface M_c of $\tilde{M}(\phi, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \tilde{g})$, discussed in section 2, is foliated by 2-codimensional mixed isotropic submanifolds M_u of \tilde{M} . Let $T_p(M_u)$ and $T_p^\perp(M_u)$ be the tangent and the normal space to M_u , at $p \in M_u$. Then any normal section of $T_p^\perp(M_u)$ is quasi-umbilical, and all proper mixed curvature 2-forms of M_u are conformal to the restriction $\eta = \tilde{\eta}/M_u$. The characteristic vector fields U and η endows M_u with a null contact structure, and U is an infinitesimal automorphism for all globally defined $(2p+1)$ -forms $\Theta_p = 4L^p \eta$.

Furthermore, M_u is a proper CR submanifold of \tilde{M} whose vertical distribution D^\perp is defined by $\{U\}$.

In addition, M_u is mixed totally geodesic, and if D denotes the horizontal distribution, then U is D -transformed by parallelism.

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